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CHAMBER

Event Includes Benefit

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday at the Darby House. The meeting was conducted by Main Street manager Melissa Heflin.

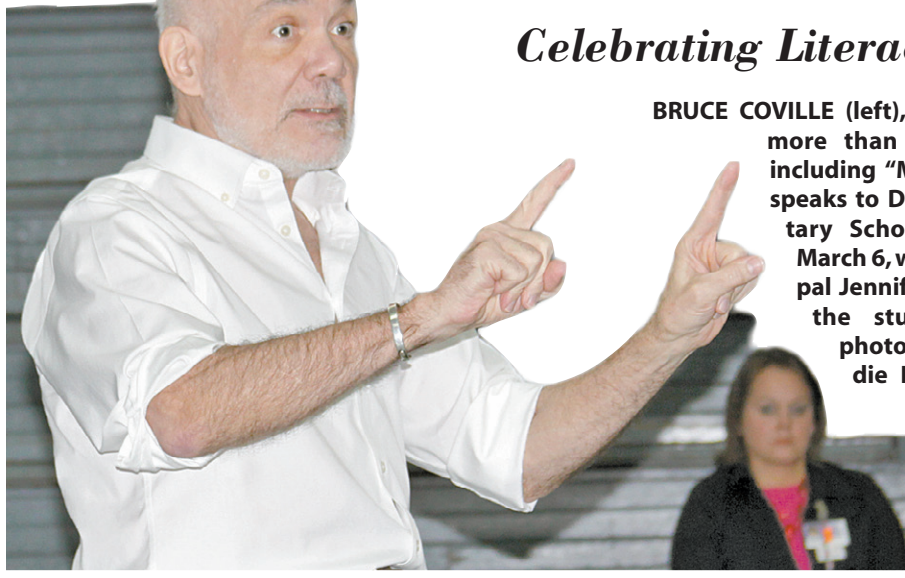
The group discussed the upcoming Mule and Draft Horse Day to be held April 26. As of Tuesday, more than 30 vendors had signed up for booths at the event. However, none of those are food vendors. Food is needed for the large crowd that is expected. This is a fundraising opportunity for groups interested in operating food booths.

Any school or church groups or other organizations interested should phone Wanda Hughes at 270-836-9135.

A 5K to benefit Relay For Life will also be held on April 26. Kerry Hayes is the race organizer.

Two additional 5K races were discussed. At 10 a.m. March 22, the 5K Dawson Dash

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Celebrating Literacy Month

BRUCE COVILLE (left), well known author of more than 100 children's books including "My Teacher is an Alien," speaks to Dawson Springs Elementary School students Thursday, March 6, while elementary principal Jennifer Ward listens. Among the students listening (top photo) are (from left) Mad-die Huddleston, Abby Garrett, Allie Jones, Skye Bratcher and Landen Dukes.

Museum Will Hold Luncheon

The Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center is conducting its annual membership drive this month.

The museum board will host a chili luncheon March 20 for those renewing or establishing memberships. The luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Katherine Barnett meeting room at the Dawson Springs Branch Library. The menu will include chili, pimento cheese sandwiches, crackers, dessert and a beverage.

The museum rehabilitation project, funded by a Community Development Block Grant and a donation from the Hopkins County Fiscal Court, is now approximately 98 percent complete.

Renovations included installing a new roof, tuck pointing all the exterior brick, repairing the windows, upgrading the electrical system in the basement, replacing the basement steps, reinforcing the structural supports, improving the drainage around the building and relocating the handicapped entrance.

SHOULD RANK AS THIRD MOST COMMON

Research Argues Alzheimer's Causes More Deaths

From Kentucky Health News

Alzheimer's disease may contribute to almost as many deaths in the U.S. as heart disease or cancer, says a recent study published in Neurology.

Alzheimer's is listed as the nation's sixth leading cause of death, far behind the leading causes of death, heart disease and cancer, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But the study says it should

rank third.

Because death certificates provide the information used for these statistics, the overall picture of what causes death is often not told, especially in the elderly. This creates a system of under-reporting the complete reason for the death, lead author of the study Bryan D. James of Rush University Medical Center in Chicago said in Newswise, a research-reporting service.

"The estimates generated by our analysis suggest that deaths from

Alzheimer's disease far exceed the numbers reported by the CDC and those listed on death certificates," James said.

The study supports contentions of the Alzheimer's Association, which estimates that the disease causes about a third of the deaths in Kentucky. In 2010, 8 percent of Kentuckians age 65 and older, or 80,000, had Alzheimer's, with a projected number of 97,000 in 2025.

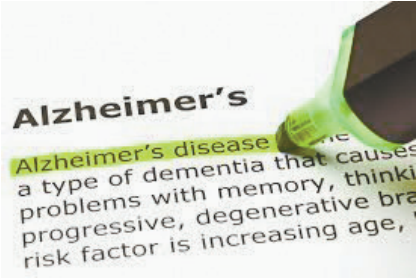
The study did annual testing for dementia on 2,566 people ages 65

and older. It found that 559 participants without dementia at the start of the study developed Alzheimer's. Within eight years of the study, 1,090 participants died. Those diagnosed with Alzheimer's between ages 75 to 84 had a death rate more than four times higher after the diagnosis and people 85 and older nearly three times higher than the whole.

Researchers concluded that more than one-third of all deaths in those 75 and older

were caused by Alzheimer's, and that an estimated 503,400 Americans over age 75 in 2010 died from it. That's five to six times higher than the 83,494 number reported by the CDC. That would move the disease from the sixth leading cause of death to the third; chronic lung disease, stroke and accidents now rank third, fourth and fifth.

Kentucky Health News



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SHARON BUDD (left) is assisted by Sue Radford as she leaves the post office Wednesday, March 5. Radford was in the process of shoveling the snow and ice from the sidewalk.

NATIONAL SALT SHORTAGE

Salt Supplies Are At Critical Level

Despite a lull in the winter storms that have pounded the commonwealth, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has advised its 12 highway districts to conserve salt supplies and focus on other conservation efforts in combating further snow and ice this season.

"Our snow plow operators are carrying a heavier burden in clearing our highways," said KYTC Secretary Mike Hancock. "It's a real challenge, but our crews are working hard to ensure our roads are safe and passable."

As of March 5, the cabinet had less than 70,000 tons of salt on hand statewide. Historically, this amount has been more than enough for riding out the

winter. But the cabinet wants to ensure each county has enough salt to handle another snow and ice event this season.

To level supplies, salt has been shifted among highway districts, and the state's emergency reserve, stored at the Mega Cavern in Louisville, has also been tapped. Plow operators have concentrated on clearing priority A routes first and transitioning to B and C routes afterward. The cabinet will reassess the distribution of salt if another episode of wintry weather occurs.

A national salt shortage, delays in salt deliveries and wave after wave of winter storms have hampered the cabinet's snow and ice removal efforts.

The cabinet has ordered more than 90,000 tons of salt, and shipments are expected in the coming weeks. As salt deliveries trickle in, the cabinet has implemented conservation methods to preserve supplies.

During a wet snow with temperatures 25 degrees and warmer, crews should be able to rely strictly on plowing operations to combat accumulation on roads. Once the snowfall has ended and it is daylight, crews can begin light applications of salt in the cleanup phase.

In most cases, an application rate of 180 to 200 pounds of salt per two-lane mile would be sufficient during cleanup efforts.

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Obituaries

Yvonne Shelton Chappell, 51

George P. Simpkins, 82

LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST				
Wed 3/12	Thu 3/13	Fri 3/14	Sat 3/15	Sun 3/16
 51/23 Windy.	 48/34 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 30s.	 59/41 Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.	 62/37 More clouds than sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	 49/32 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.

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Two Men Arrested For Railroad Tie Plates Theft

The Hopkins County Sheriff's Department charged Robert James Cannon, 20, and David Allen Cunningham, 39, following a traffic stop by the Madisonville Police Department.

Warrants were issued for the two men for receiving stolen property. Special Agent Nate Jazyk of CSX Railroad Police reported a large number of railroad tie plates had been stolen from a construction area off Man-nington Loop between Feb. 11 and Feb. 18.

Cannon and Cuning- ham sold the stolen rail- road tie plates to Arrow Salvage for scrap metal. All stolen railroad tie plates were recovered and returned to CSX. The value of the stolen plates was more than \$3,000.

Cannon was charged with receiving stolen property over \$500 and under \$10,000. Cuning- ham was charged with receiving stolen property under \$500.

Detective Otis Cham- berlain was the reporting deputy.

KSP Charges Sex Offender For Social Network Misuse

A Dawson Springs man was charged by Ken- tucky State Police with Registered Sex Offender Prohibited from Social Network Use Accessible by Minors.

KSP Post 2 was noti- fied Thursday morning by Hopkins County Pro- bation and Parole that Terry W. Carter, 40, had

an active account with a social media site. Carter, a registered sex offender, is prohibited from hav- ing a social media ac- count that is accessible by minors.

Carter was arrested without incident by De- tective Dan Morck. He was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

KSP Accepting Applications For Upcoming Cadet Class

The Kentucky State Police is accepting appli- cations for its 92nd cadet class, which is scheduled to begin Aug. 3. Inter- ested applicants should visit the KSP Web site at www.kentuckystatepolice.org, click on the Career Op- portunities, Recruitment Home and How To Be- come A Kentucky State Trooper links.

Information at the site includes an outline of the application process, a list of minimum require- ments and disqualifica- tions, a downloadable ap- plication form with a list of supporting documents required, a downloadable

study guide for the writ- ten test and a list of test- ing dates, times and loca- tions.

Applicants who fail the written exam will not be offered a retest.

All application mate- rials must be completed and returned to the KSP Recruitment Branch at 919 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601 by the application deadline.

If more information is needed after visiting the Web site, applicants can call toll-free at 1-866-360-3165 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday or leave a message at any other time.

Kentucky State Police Post 2 Issues Feb. Activity Report

For the month of Feb- ruary, Kentucky State Po- lice Post 2 issued a total of 1,531 citations, 425 speed- ing citations, 151 seat belt citations, 10 child restraint citations and 534 courtesy notices. They arrested 33 im- paired drivers, investigated 97 traffic crashes, assisted 248 stranded motorists, re- sponded to 830 calls for ser- vice, made 241 criminal ar- rests and opened 42 criminal cases.

No fatal crashes were re- ported in the Post 2 District in February.

Through Feb. 28, three fatal crashes that resulted in the loss of three lives were reported in the Post 2 Dis-

trict. One victim was not wearing a seat belt; one vic- tim was not wearing a hel- met; and one victim was a pedestrian.

Through Feb. 28, 2013, five people had been killed in five crashes in the Post 2 District.

Throughout the month, troopers from Post 2 will conduct traffic safety check- points. The traffic safety checkpoints are utilized to promote safety for motorists and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws.

For traffic safety check- point locations, refer to [www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2_ checkpoints.htm](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2_checkpoints.htm).

OBITUARIES

Services Held Saturday For Yvonne S. Chappell

The funeral for Yvonne Shelton Chappell, 51, of Dawson Springs, was held Saturday at Beshear Funeral Home. The Rev. Troy Jent and the Rev. Steve Coy officiated.

Mrs. Chappell died March 5, 2014, at Owensboro Health Re- gional Hospital after a long and valiant fight against cancer.

She was born March 8, 1962, in Hopkins County, to Robert L. and Bettye Gilbreath Shelton.

She was a 1980 gradu- ate of Dawson Springs High School and re- ceived her associate de- gree in nursing in 1995. She worked with Da- Vita Dialysis Center in Hopkinsville. She was of the Christian faith.

Mrs. Chappell was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather and her paternal grand- parents.

In addition to her parents, survivors in- clude her husband of 29 years, Larry Chap- pell of Dawson Springs; two sons, Robert Mance (MaryGrace) Chappell and Joseph Kyle (Jill Risse) Chappell, both of



YVONNE CHAPPELL

Owensboro; two step- sons, Brett (Diana) Chap- pell of Dawson Springs and Shane (Tiffany) Chappell of Providence; a sister, Mary Beth Coy of Dawson Springs; a brother, Scott (JoAnn) Shelton of Frankfort; her grandmother, Louisa Gil- breath of Bowling Green; a granddaughter, Elanor Rose Chappell and three stepgrandchildren, Bran- don (Kelly) Chappell of Evansville, Brittney Chappell of Crofton, and Cash Chappell of Provi- dence.

Pallbearers were Mike Morris, Jesse Robinson, Jordan Dever, Frankie Galloway, Joseph Amund- son and Rick Bowles.

Nortonville Man Arrested On Drug-Related Charges

A Nortonville resident was arrested on drug- related charges by Ken- tucky State Police Sunday.

While conducting a traffic safety check point on U.S. 41 near Mann- ington, troopers observed a vehicle making a u-turn and speeding off in the opposite direction.

They caught up to the vehicle driven by Jeffery Farmer on Mann- ington Loop in Christian County. Farmer was de-

termined to be under the influence of metham- phetamine and to be in possession of suspected methamphetamine.

Farmer, 53, was charged with failure to or improper signal, reckless driving, failure to produce insurance card, driving under the influence and trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphet- amine). He was lodged in the Christian County De- tention Center.

George P. Simpkins Dies No Service Is Scheduled

George P. Simpkins of Dawson Springs died March 10, 2014, at Dawson Springs Health and Reha- bilitation Center.

He was born Dec. 9, 1931, in Hornerville, Mo., to the late Floyd and Hel- en Brewer Simpkins.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, a lawyer and former vice president of Levi-Strauss.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Vance Simpkins, Lexington; two daughters, Allison Simpkins and Jennifer Simpkins, both Cali- fornia; a son, George P. Simpkins Jr., Dallas, Texas; and three grand- children.

Burial will take place at a later date. No serv- ices are being held.

Youth League Treasurer Charged With Fund Theft

The Kentucky State Police has charged Mia C. Higens, 49, of Madisonville with theft after conducting an in- vestigation regarding the misuse of funds from a youth basketball league.

The investigation re- sulted in the finding of suspicious financial ac- tivity for the years of 2011, 2012 and 2013 in the nonprofit Hopkins Coun- ty Central All-American Basketball Association youth basketball check- ing account.

It was discovered that several improper expendi- tures were made from the

nonprofit's checking ac- count, including clothes, toys, gourmet food, diet pills and other items that would not be used in the operation of a nonprofit youth basketball league. This account was under the exclusive control of Higens, the president and treasurer of the league and the sole signatory of the checking account.

Detective Lonnie Ka- vanaugh arrested Hi- gens March 5. She was charged with one count of theft by unlawful tak- ing under \$500. She was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center.

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We would like to thank each one that stopped by with words of comfort, thoughts and prayers, and all the food we received.

We want to thank Tradewater Pointe for all they did for him while he was there.

A special thanks to Beshear Funeral Home for all their help with us during this time.

Pap was a very special husband, dad and Pap to all of us and really will be missed by all.

Thanks to all of our family and friends.

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PRIZES!

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HEATH BURDEN clears snow and ice that was blocking a door at the local school Thursday, March 6.

Dawson Springs Police Officers Report Activities And Arrests For Past Week

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—William G. “Greg” Holt, 49, Dawson Springs, was arrested March 6. He was charged with theft by unlawful taking, \$500 or more but under \$10,000. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider and Officer Bobby Hadley.

—Ricky S. Winn II, 33, Dawson Springs, was arrested March 6. He was charged with theft by unlawful taking, \$500 or more but less than \$10,000. Bobby Hadley was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider and Capt. Craig Patterson.

—A 15-year-old Dawson Springs female was detained March 7 on Hickory Street and released to her guardian. She was charged with public intoxication. Chief Bill Crider was the

charging officer.

—Douglas W. Price, 35, Dawson Springs, was arrested March 8. He was charged with driving on a DUI suspended license and failure of nonowner to maintain required insurance. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Richard A. Horton, 23, Dawson Springs, was arrested March 9 on Eli Street. He was charged with no registration plates and driving on a DUI suspended license. Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer.

Justin Adamson, 22, Dawson Springs, was arrested March 9 at 200 Pine Street. He was charged with trafficking in marijuana, less than 8 ounces (Hopkins County warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

A Dawson Springs resident was charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Mickey A. Royal, 30,

965 Racetrack Road, was charged March 5 with operating a motor vehicle on a suspended or revoked license.

Two local people were charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department:

—Brandon Hawkins, 29, Rosedale Court, was charged Feb. 20 with failure to pay fines on a warrant.

—Gary S. Browning, 23, Beulah Road, was charged Feb. 27 with failure to pay fines on a warrant.

NOTICE

A 2013 Delinquent Tax List due on personal property and/or real property located in the City of Dawson Springs, Kentucky, and listed in your name and not paid on or before noon on March 18, 2014 will be published in The Dawson Springs Progress March 19, 2014 and March 26, 2014. On March 25, 2014, an additional \$5.00 will be added to each bill for publication costs.

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The Ark Brought to the Temple
1 Kings 8

The Temple was completed. Solomon summoned to Jerusalem the elders of Israel and the heads of the tribes the leaders of the ancestral families of the Israelites. They were to bring the Ark of the Lord's Covenant to the Temple from its location in the City of David. The men assembled before King Solomon at the annual Festival of Shelters, which was held in early autumn.

When the elders of Israel arrived, the priests picked up the Ark and they and the Levites brought up the Ark of the Lord along with the special tent and all the sacred items that had been in it. There, before the Ark, King Solomon and the entire community of Israel sacrificed so many sheep, goats, and cattle that no one could keep count!

The priests carried the Ark of the Lord's Covenant into the inner sanctuary of the Temple the Most Holy Place and placed it beneath the wings of the cherubim. The cherubim spread their wings over the Ark, forming a canopy over the Ark and its carrying poles. Nothing was in the Ark except the two stone tablets that Moses had placed in it at Mount Sinai. When the priests came out of the Holy Place, a thick cloud filled the Temple of the Lord. The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple.

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JAXTON STUESSEL, 2, with his dad Jason, takes a downhill trip in the snow on the hill at the end of South Main Street Monday, March 3.

Senate President Requests Cuts In Days In Session

By Jack Brammer
Lexington Herald-Leader

Senate President Robert Stivers wants to cut the number of days state lawmakers meet each year.

Stivers, R-Manchester, filed a constitutional amendment, Senate Bill 195, that would call for up to 15 meeting days of the legislature in odd-numbered years and 45 days in even-numbered years. The Kentucky General Assembly now meets for 30 days in odd-numbered years and 60 days in even-numbered years.

Stivers said his measure would save taxpayers \$7 million a year and provide more people the opportunity to find time to serve in the legislature.

House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said he is willing to discuss with Stivers his proposal, but he said he would prefer allowing legislative sessions to run longer — ending on May 1 rather than the current constitutional deadline of April 15.

“We’re having a more and more hard time trying to find people who want to serve because the hardships that become because of so little pay,” Stumbo said. “It would be more beneficial to allow the same number of working days but adjourn May 1, or have at least another week.”

“We could have four-day weeks rather than five-day weeks, giving citizen legislators the opportunity to return home to do their business there. It’s now a full-time job with part-time pay.”

Stumbo acknowledged that would be costlier to tax-

payers since legislators are paid every day when they are in session, including weekends and holidays. Lawmakers now make \$188.22 a day and receive \$135.30 a day for expenses. Leaders have higher salaries.

Under Stivers’ plan, the legislature would start each annual session at the present starting date — the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January.

In even-numbered years when legislators enact a two-year state budget, lawmakers would meet for four days. After that, the legislature would go into recess without pay, allowing the filing deadline for elections and the governor’s budget presentation in late January to pass.

Lawmakers then would return to Frankfort for 41 working days, keeping the April 15 deadline to adjourn.

In odd-numbered years, lawmakers would meet for five days in early January to select their leaders and make committee appointments.

Lawmakers would have the option to continue 10 more working days or adjourn.

If the 10 additional days were not used right after the organizational session, the Senate president and House speaker could call lawmakers into a 10-day special session any time during the year. The two leaders would set the agendas.

Now, only the governor can call lawmakers into a special session and set its agenda. Lawmakers now determine when special sessions end.

State Will Share In Fine Over Water Pollution

By James Bruggers
The Courier-Journal

Kentucky will receive \$687,500 as its share of a \$27.5 million fine that federal authorities say is the largest ever assessed for water-pollution permit violations.

In addition to the fine, Bristol, Va.-based coal producer Alpha Natural Resources Inc. and dozens of its subsidiaries will spend \$200 million to reduce illegal toxic discharges into hundreds of waterways across Kentucky and four other Appalachian states, according to the proposed settlement.

“This is the largest one, period,” Cynthia Giles, head of the Environmental Protection Agency’s enforcement office said. “It’s the biggest case for permit violations for numbers of violations and size of the penalty, which reflects the seriousness of violations.”

Alpha’s violations in Kentucky involve problem sites they inherited after acquiring Massey Energy, said Dick Brown, spokesman for the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, which joined the EPA and other states in the action.

The cabinet said Alpha mining operations and waterways in Kentucky’s Pike, Harlan, Letcher, Martin and Knott counties were involved in the settlement.

“We believe the terms of

the agreement make for a fair resolution of the violations, and a workable plan to prevent the future occurrence of violations,” Brown said.

Alpha said it had a strong compliance record but acknowledged the agreement would help it improve.

“Our combined total water quality compliance rate for 2013 was 99.8 percent,” said Gene Kitts, Alpha senior vice president of environmental affairs. “But our goal is to do even better, and the consent decree provides an opportunity to proactively focus on improving on the less than 1 percent of the time that permit limits were exceeded.”

Kitts said some of the consent decree measures were already in place.

Besides Kentucky, the discharges occurred in Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Alpha acquired Massey in 2011, and more than half of the violations covered by the settlement stemmed from that company’s operations. Massey was fined \$20 million in 2008 by the federal government for similar violations of water-pollution laws.

The EPA documented between 2006 and 2013 at least 6,289 permit-limit violations for pollutants that include iron, water acidity, suspended solids, aluminum, manganese, selenium and salinity. The violations

occurred at 794 discharge points, or outfalls, the federal government said.

Most violations stemmed from the company’s failure to properly operate treatment systems, install adequate treatment systems, and implement appropriate water-handling and management plans.

Monitoring records attached to the complaint show that in some cases, the releases were 35 times higher than permit limits.

Under the agreement, the

mine operators will install wastewater treatment systems and take other measures aimed at reducing discharges from 79 coal mines and 25 coal-processing plants in the five states where violations occurred.

Alpha, the nation’s third-largest coal supplier, estimates those steps will cost about \$200 million.

Half the fine will go to the federal government; the other half will be divided among Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

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LANDON PACE, 10, made the best of his day off from school to enjoy the snow Monday, March 3.

Pikeville University To Open First College Of Optometry

By Linda B. Blackford
Lexington Herald Leader

The University of Pikeville will open Kentucky's first college of optometry, school leaders have announced.

The university plans to build a new facility to house the college, which will start with a class of 60 students in 2016, said UPike President James Hurley.

Gov. Steve Beshear, who attended the recent announcement in Pikeville, said a \$1.5 million grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission will boost the new college.

The announcement comes after the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Optometry was approved

last week as a "Stage One Applicant" by the American Optometric Association's Accreditation Council on Optometric Education.

Beshear said the new school would help the SOAR initiative (Shaping Our Appalachian Region), and similar projects designed to boost Eastern Kentucky's economic development.

Optometrists are medical professionals with a four-year degree who can give regular eye care and prescribe glasses and contacts. In Kentucky, optometrists are licensed to perform limited surgery with lasers.

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ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Politician says he was wrong

Billy Harper, a Paducah businessman who ran in the Republican primary for governor in 2007, admitted recently in *The Courier-Journal* that he was wrong in one of his stances during that campaign. Since his political aspirations were a long time ago — seven years — it would be good to have a review on just who the former candidate is.

Harper graduated from the University of Kentucky school of engineering in 1966 and eventually went on to join his father's construction business in Paducah. He was chairman of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in 1989-90, when the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) was passed.

During his campaign for governor, he ran a series of light-hearted ads, some of which were actually funny. However, the ads didn't seem to help him as he finished third in a three-way race. He was defeated by eventual Republican nominee and incumbent Ernie Fletcher and by former U.S. Representative Anne Northup, from Louisville.

Again, to jog memories that may be like mine not very good — Dawson Springs native Steve Beshear was elected in 2007 by a 59-41 percent margin over Fletcher. One of Beshear's main platforms was for expanded gambling.

All the Republican candidates were of like mind and against the expansion of gambling.

That's where Harper now says he was wrong. He is now for expanded gambling. But alas, he now is an executive board member of Kentucky Wins! according to the column he wrote in the newspaper. This organization is a statewide coalition which supports and advocates for the cause of expanded gambling.

Harper lists four reasons he was wrong, which he says looking back now are "painfully obvious" to him.

First he said he failed to "fully realize" the casinos in other states were actually as close to Kentucky residents as they are. He now says that expanding gambling in Kentucky will not make much difference because casinos are already close by.

Next he said he thought most Kentuckians were not in favor of expanded gambling but now "it has become clear" to him "attitudes have changed" and the numbers are "astounding."

The third reason, and one he says is "possibly the most irritating," is that surrounding states are using Kentuckians' hard-earned money which is spent in nearby states' casinos to build roads and schools. Not only are they building roads and schools, he says "we didn't even get so much as a thank you." He must not have known that folks in Kentucky were actually going to casinos in neighboring states and spending their money, since he didn't realize they were close by.

And, finally, Harper says he didn't realize how many jobs would be created by expanded gambling. These jobs would include construction jobs, permanent jobs in the casinos, permanent jobs related to tourism, etc.

It's admirable that Harper has admitted he was wrong. However, the man seems to be quite bright, and it's amazing that he had this sudden revelation. How could he have been so blind? How could he not have realized those four points before now?

Could it have been that he was blinded by politics? Might he have thought he would have a better chance of gaining his party's gubernatorial selection by being blind to the facts — or at least not fully understanding?

It says here, Harper has indeed had a revelation and that revelation probably went something like this, "Duh!"

Even though our current and former politicians are subject to such amazing revelations, sometimes even journalists have such revelations.

This past week, in a dream — perhaps a nightmare — it occurred to me that the Kentucky Wildcats basketball team is not very good. How's that for a "duh" revelation?

All that's left of this season is one, two or three games in the Southeastern Conference Tournament and one, two, three, four, five or six games in the NCAA Tournament.

If the Cats play in more than four games, it will be shocking. If they only play in two more games, it will not be shocking.

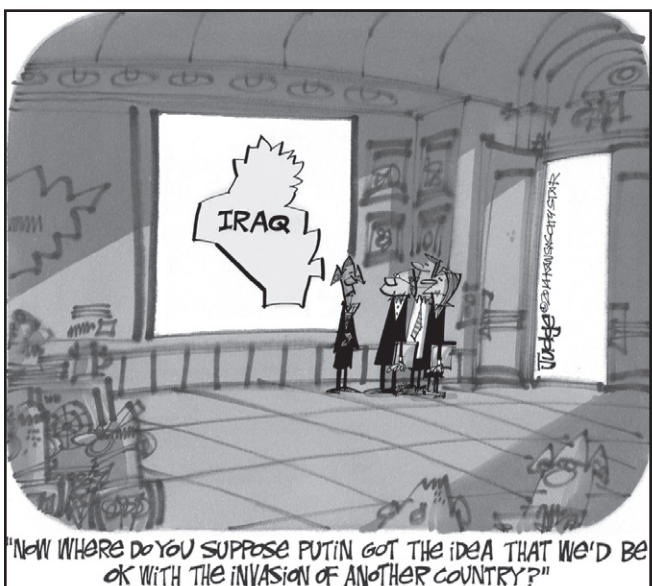
—Needing to shed a few pounds, the couple went on a diet that had specific recipes for each meal of the day. The wife followed the instructions closely, dividing the finished recipe in half for their individual plates. They felt terrific and thought the diet was wonderful—they never felt hungry! But when they realized they were gaining weight, not losing it, the wife checked the recipes again. There, in fine print, was: "Serves 6."

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Commentary... Congress falls short in some areas

By Lee H. Hamilton

At a public gathering the other day, someone asked me how I'd sum up my views on Congress. It was a good question, because it forced me to step back from worrying about the current politics of Capitol Hill and take a longer view.

Congress, I said, does some things fairly well. Its members for the most part want to serve their constituents and the country. They may be ambitious — it's hard to be a successful politician if you're not — but they're not motivated primarily by personal interest. Most are people of integrity who have chosen to try to advance the national interest and are willing to work within our agitated political environment.

They also strive to reflect their constituents' views. They're not always successful at this — I think members of Congress tend to under-appreciate voters' pragmatism and over-estimate their ideological purity. Still, they're politicians: their success rests on being accessible to their constituents, understanding what they want, and aligning themselves with that interest.

For all the attractive individual qualities that members of Congress display, however, their institutional performance falls short. Talented though they are, the institution they serve does not work very well. They argue endlessly, pander to contributors and powerful interests, posture both in the media and in countless public meetings, and in the end produce very little. They discuss and debate a lot of problems, but don't create effective results.

This may be because many members of our national legislature have a constricted view of what it means to be a leg-

islator. They're satisfied with making a political statement by giving a speech, casting a vote, or getting a bill through the chamber they serve in, rather than writing legislation that will make it through both houses of Congress, get signed by the President, and become a law. Their aim seems to be partisan and ideological, rather than a constructive effort to solve the nation's problems.

Similarly, they undermine their ability to oversee the executive branch by conducting hearings for political gain rather than to scrutinize government activities or develop effective policy directives. Many of our representatives have become so reliant on their staff for knowledge about public policy and the details of federal agencies that in off-the-cuff debate they can be untethered and misinformed. Small wonder that Congress has had trouble being productive. The days appear to be over when members of Congress strove to be masters of their subject matter and legislators in fact as well as in name.

Forced to spend so much time raising money and listening to well-heeled people and groups, they also seem to have trouble seeing current affairs from the perspective of ordinary people. They fall captive to the politics of any given issue, rather than thinking about the much harder question of how you govern a country with all its residents in mind. They don't see the necessity, in a divided Congress and a divided country, of negotiation and compromise.

Congressional tradition has



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created a legislative process that should encourage fact-finding, searching for remedies, and finding common ground. It should not work solely by majority rule; decisions spring from consultation with many voices, balancing minority and majority views, and fair-minded process. This is not what today's members of Congress do, how-

ever. Instead, they short-circuit the committee process; fail to do their homework; dwell on talking points put together by staff and others; give too much power to their leaders; pay too little attention to deliberation; allow insufficient opportunity to debate and vote on major policy amendments; and in general make a mess of the budget — the basic operating instructions for the government.

Process may not be everything, but good process enhances the chance of getting things right — and with each passing year, Congress forgets more and more about what good process looks like.

Plenty of forces are responsible for this state of affairs, from the outsized role of money in the political process to today's hyper-partisanship to TV-driven sound-bite debates. But in the end, it's still a source of great frustration to the American people, me included, that well-meaning, talented individuals cannot make the institution work better.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Other editors

Conway should have appealed decision

In November 2004, Kentuckians overwhelmingly passed an amendment to Kentucky's constitution that said marriage shall be between one man and one woman. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized, the constitution states.

During that year, 13 states passed similar amendments. Many of these amendments were in large part because activist judges, mainly in the Northeast, were overriding the people's will and allowing gay marriage in those states.

Kentucky voters didn't want that to happen here, which is why more than 70 percent of them approved the measure.

It is a Kentucky law and should be respected, whether one agrees with it or not.

On Feb. 12, U.S. District Judge John G. Heyburn II issued an opinion that Kentucky's ban on recognizing out-of-state, same-sex marriages violated the Constitution's equal-protection clause in the 14th Amendment because it treated "gay and lesbian persons differently in a way that demeans them."

This was Heyburn's opinion. Fast forward to last week, when Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway asked Heyburn for a stay in the case so he could review it.

In a tearful news conference March 4, Conway announced he would not appeal Heyburn's ruling. Conway said by appealing he would "be defending discrimination. That I will not do."

Regardless of Conway's personal opinions about gay marriage, he took an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States and the state's constitution.

By failing to appeal this ruling, we believe Conway is not living up to that oath.

That's a shame. As the highest-ranking law officer in this state, he has a duty and a responsibility to his constituents to stand up for a law that a large majority of our state supports.

Thankfully, Gov. Steve Beshear stepped in to appeal Heyburn's ruling. Beshear announced the state will hire outside counsel for the appeal. It's a shame outside counsel has to be brought in because we should be represented by our attorney general, but apparently he lacked the will to do so.

Beshear said the potential for "legal chaos is real" if a stay is not issued in the case while it is appealed.

Beshear said these issues will ultimately be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. "The people of this country need to know what the rules will be going forward," he said. "Kentucky should be part of this process."

We agree with the governor's decision. The high court will ultimately decide this issue, and our state should be a part of that appeal.

Beshear's actions are responsible. He put his personal opinions aside and looked out for Kentuckians.

Conway should take note of attorneys general in Utah, Kansas and Texas who have immediately appealed federal judges' rulings similar to Heyburn's.

These people actually get it. They realize they were bound by the oath they took and they acted on it.

Sadly, Conway turned away.

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 11, 2004.)

Senior basketball players Leslie Hamby and Trevor Young were named to the all-district academic teams and Kelly Smiley made the all-district academic cheerleading squad.

Victoria Solomon starred in “The Children’s Nutcracker Ballet” at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts at Madisonville Community College.

Fifth grader Sarah Hall won the writing composition and fourth grader Forrest Winters earned honorable mention in science correctly answering 21 of 25 questions at the 2004 Regional Primary Governor’s Cup competition.

25 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 9, 1989.)

State Sen. William T. “Bill” Brinkley, 52, died last week in Frankfort.

Funeral for Mrs. Tennie Lanham, 26, was held Friday, March 3, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Six local high school students were among those included on all-seventh district teams. They are Keith Watson, senior, named to the all-academic team; Kevin Bruce, senior, Lee James, junior, and Leslie Peroddy, sophomore, made the all-district basketball team; and Stephanie Fassold, sophomore, and Holly Redden, freshman, made the all-district cheerleading team.

50 years ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 12, 1964.)

Over 12 inches of rain fell in the Dawson Springs vicinity from Wednesday, March 4, until Tuesday morning of this week causing the closing of three highways leading into Dawson Springs.

A new firm, Frank’s Pit Bar-B-Q located in the former Curt Morgan building on Highway 62 East will open Thursday.

Funeral services were held for Hobart Lantrip, 65, Monday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home.

Moments in time...

• On March 16, 1802, The United States Military Academy, the first military school in the United States, located at West Point, N.Y., is founded by Congress. In 1870, the first black cadet was admitted, and in 1976, the first female cadets.

• On March 15, 1820, as part of the Missouri Compromise between the North and the South, Maine is admitted into the Union as the 23rd state. The entrance of Maine as a free state was agreed to by Southern senators in exchange for the entrance of Missouri as a slave state.

• On March 12, 1888, the most severe winter storm ever to hit the New York City region reaches blizzard proportions. The 36-hour blizzard dumped some 40 inches of snow, and for several weeks the city was virtually isolated from the rest of the country by the massive snowdrifts.

• On March 10, 1927, Robert Kearns, who patented a design for the intermittent windshield wiper, is born in Gary, Ind. Kearns later won a multi-million dollar judgments against Chrysler (\$20 million) and Ford (\$10 million) for using his concept without permission.

• On March 11, 1942, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur leaves the Philippines as the American defense of the islands against the Japanese collapses. MacArthur had received a message from President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Feb. 20 ordering him to leave immediately.

• On March 14, 1964, Jack Ruby, the Dallas nightclub owner who killed Lee Harvey Oswald -- the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy -- is found guilty of murdering Oswald “with malice” and sentenced to die in the electric chair.

• On March 13, 1979, power pitcher Johan Santana is born in Tovar Merida, Venezuela. He went on to become the dominant left-handed pitcher in baseball from 2003 to 2006 and won the Cy Young Award as the American League’s top pitcher in 2004 and again in 2006.

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Letter to the editor

Smoke free bill dies

Dear Editor,

Kentucky State House Bill 173 is dead. It’s also known as the Smoke Free Bill. The bill would have banned public smoking and in places of employment.

The bill was never even brought forth to be voted on by House members. The reason for that is simply disgusting. This is an election year, folks. It seems that some of our politicians are more concerned about getting re-elected, and that’s more important to them than

Other editors

Message still the same

When participants gathered March 5 to recreate and remember the march in Frankfort led by Martin Luther King Jr., they did so in a world markedly different from March 5, 1964 — a half century ago. The focus of that march was to raise awareness and to gain equal rights for all, especially African-Americans.

While there are still, as Robert Frost once wrote about another subject, “miles to go before we sleep,” we have made progress toward erasing inequality that never should have existed in the first place and should definitely not be in evidence today.

As Bill Wilson said in Kristina Belcher’s story in the March 2 State Journal, the event is more “an opportunity to rethink and refocus civil rights efforts, as well as teach younger generations the history of it all.”

Indeed, it’s a “commemorative march,” not a peaceful protest march that was King’s trademark as he moved around the country prior to his assassination speaking and rallying those of all colors to seek equality.

Perhaps it’s significant the 9:30 a.m. beginning was at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, 100 W. Broadway, since it’s more about history than protest. The marchers moved toward the steps of the Capitol for speeches that would extol how far we’ve come and more importantly look toward where we still need to go.

Wilson marched just a few rows behind King in 1964. Now vice president for external relations at Kentucky State University, he marched again to remember and, as he points out, join organizers in recognizing current issues like the restoration of voting rights for former felons and gay rights.

A far cry from 1964’s focus? Not really. Causes

the health of Kentucky citizens. I think it’s shameful.

It’s bad enough that Kentucky has more smokers than any other state, and we also have more lung cancer deaths than any other state. It’s known that a majority of Kentuckians are in favor of a ban on public smoking.

It appears that this will be put off for another year now, and you law makers can breathe easy over getting re-elected. Looks like Kentucky gets to remain number one in lung cancer deaths for one more year.

Richard Chiodo
Dawson Springs

change with the decades, and had it not been for King and the civil rights movement of the last half of the previous century we may still have segregated bathrooms and water fountains, people riding at the back of the bus and our sports teams still dominated by whites.

Today we struggle with same-sex marriages and recognizing those who aren’t “traditional” with all the rights and benefits they should have. Half a century ago they were way in the back of the closet and the civil rights of those — many of whose grandparents had been slaves — were being challenged then by those of like ilk who say marriage can only be between those of opposite sexes.

When, as Rodney King said, can we “all just get along” without one group trying to impose its beliefs, morals and prejudices on another?

Fifty years from now, we dare say, few will blink an eye when a man marries a man or a woman is wed to a woman.

Men like King gave all their energy — and in many cases their lives — to furthering the cause of what’s good and right and decent, no matter the issue, because that’s what “civil rights” are, not just about race relations, but about rights.

Yes, we have come a long way, but as Wilson said, we still have a long way to go until everyone — and that’s everyone — is treated equally with kindness, justice and fairness regardless of the color of their skin, their sexual proclivities or anything that the mainstream conceives makes them different.

Wednesday’s historic commemorative march is worth our time and attention. Its cause is worthy of our continued prayers that one day all people may be “free at last.”

—The State Journal
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CHRIS SMILEY in his KU truck helps free this pick-up truck, being driven by Justin Werley, from a parking place on South Main Street Wednesday, March 5. The pick-up was stuck in snow and ice after the streets had been plowed.

Smoke Detectors Can Save Your Life; But Only If The Batteries Are Fresh

The Kentucky State Fire Marshal is reminding Kentuckians to change the batteries in each of their home's smoke alarms twice a year.

"Early warning is the first line of defense in escaping a fire," said William Swope, director of the Public Protection Cabinet's Division of Fire Prevention and the state's fire marshal. "Without a working smoke detector to issue an early warning, occupants can become trapped by deadly smoke and heat as the fire

spreads quickly throughout a home, blocking escape routes."

Smoke detectors should be on every floor of the home, including the basement, and in each sleeping area.

"The bottom line is smoke detectors can save the lives of your family and pets," said Swope.

Swope said education is the key to preventing fires in the home.

"Make sure that everyone in your home knows about fire prevention and what to do in case of a fire in your residence," he

said. "And pay particular attention to family members with disabilities to ensure everyone escapes a home fire successfully. Have a fire escape plan that includes two ways out for everyone."

Anyone who failed to replace smoke alarm batteries when changing clocks last weekend is urged to do so now.

For additional information on fire prevention, visit the National Fire Protection Association Web site at <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information>.

Salt Supplies Are At Critically Low Level

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The customary application rate is 250 to 400 pounds of salt per two-lane mile.

On lower priority routes, where possible, crews can blend sand or small aggregates with the salt to extend supplies. In most cases, crews have to rely on plowing operations and warming temperatures to completely clear these routes.

This season, the cabinet has used more than 410,000 tons of salt, compared with 160,000 tons at this point in 2013. Snow and ice operations have cost more than \$53 million this year.

The heavy ice and snow accumulations have also increased the need for workers and equipment in some areas. On March 5, KYTC deployed six extra snow plow crews, borrowed from Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties, in Christian County to attack a stubborn and unusually heavy buildup of ice and snow on Interstate 24 and other routes.

According to KYTC District 2 spokesman Keith Todd, Christian County had more ice than other areas, and the snow pack attached to pavement was worse than in any other District 2 counties.

"We had areas with more than four inches of accumulated sleet across the region," Todd said.

Fifteen traffic crashes were reported on I-24 in Christian County Tuesday night and Wednesday. Most were attributed to vehicles attempting to overtake and pass other vehicles using the snow-packed passing lane. The driving lane was also

iced over in several places as a result of refreezing of ice that had melted during the day.

This week has seen a huge change in weather conditions with temperatures rising into the upper 60s and low 70s Monday and Tuesday, melting most of the remaining snow and ice.

The National Weather Service predicts rain today and a high around 50 degrees before temperatures drop into the 20s tonight. Highs should rebound into the 60s for the weekend. No major winter weather events are in the long-range forecast at this time.

Mule And Draft Horse Day Is April 26

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will be hosted by the Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High School track and field team. The fee is \$25 per person or \$40 for a family pack. The 5K race will start and end at Dawson Springs High School. All profits go to the team.

At 9 a.m. March 29 a 5K

run and one mile fun walk to benefit Alyssa Argo will be held at the municipal park. Proceeds will help pay medical expenses for Alyssa who suffers from epilepsy. The preregistration fee is \$20. The race day entry fee is \$25.

Superintendent Lenny Whalen asked about dates for Spruce Up Dawson Springs, which

was discussed at the February meeting. He plans to organize teams of students from school groups to assist with the project. He also asked for a list of residents who might need lawns cleaned up or have other small projects students can do.

The next meeting will be held at noon April 8 at the Darby House.

Bridge Is One Lane Again

Traffic is restricted to one lane on Ky. 109 at the Hopkins-Christian County line to allow resumption of deck work on the Tradewater River bridge that started last fall.

Traffic will be restricted around the clock with alternating flow controlled by an automated traffic signal. Motorists should be alert for stopped traffic at this site. Appropriate caution is required in the work zone where equipment and construction personnel will be along the road in close proximity to traffic flow.

The anticipated completion date is May 1, weather permitting.

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2014 BASEBALL PREVIEW

Young squad will give Panthers different look

What you see this year on the field at Riverside Park will be a much different Panther baseball team than the one which finished with a 4-20 season last year.

This year's squad will be freshman dominated with a freshman coach.

Brady Brooks has replaced Michael Lee as head coach, and Heath Burden has replaced Mark Taylor as assistant coach.

In the field, six seniors graduated, and there were a few other defections.

This year's team will feature three seniors. Gage Brewer, Devon Hankins and Brad Puckett all played last year, and they will fill three of the most important positions on the field — pitcher, catcher and shortstop.

The team has one junior and one sophomore. The rest of the players are freshmen and eighth graders — coached by first-year high school coaches.

The coach grew up playing baseball a long way from Dawson Springs in Maine. He brings his love for the game

and seven years experience coaching in the Dawson Springs Youth League to the Panthers.

“Our main goal is to compete,” Coach Brooks said, and he will look to his seniors for leadership to guide the young team.

Coach Brooks’ attitude and passion for baseball shows as he speaks about his team.

“I was fortunate to be offered this position,” he



said. “I’ve coached youth leagues for seven years and had a blast. These kids have a great attitude and a willingness to learn. It’s just a good bunch of kids.”

One of those kids is Kevin Brooks, the coach’s son. Only an eighth grader, the younger Brooks will play second base to anchor the middle of the infield with either Brewer or Puckett, depending on who is pitching.

Coach Brooks says his team’s strengths come from the senior pitchers and the fact many of the kids have played together for the last seven years — many under his tutelage.

“Most of them I’ve coached, and we know each other,” he said. “I coached 13-15 year olds last summer, and we had a 10-win season.”

It was the first time in several years Dawson Springs fielded a team in that age

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DAWSON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL					
2014 BASEBALL SCHEDULE					
Day	Date	Opponent	Team	Location	Time
Thur.	Mar. 13	Fort Campbell	V/JV	Home	5:30
Sat.	Mar. 15	Carlisle County	V/V	Home	1:00
Mon.	Mar. 17	Hopkins County Central	V/JV	Home	5:30
Thur.	Mar. 20	Livingston Central	V/JV	Home	5:30
Sat.	Mar. 22	Falcon Classic	V/V	Ft. Camp.	10 am
Tue.	Mar. 25	Caldwell County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Thur.	Mar. 27	Madisonville-North Hop.	JV/JV	Home	5:30
Fri.	Mar. 28	Lyon County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Sat.	Apr. 5	Todd County Central	V	Home	10 am
Sat.	Apr. 5	Whitesville Trinity	V	Home	2:00
Mon.	Apr. 7	Union County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Thur.	Apr. 10	Madisonville-North Hop.	V/V	Away	5:30
Sat.	Apr. 12	Todd County	V	Livingston	11:30
Sat.	Apr. 12	Carlisle County	V	Livingston	3:30
Mon.	Apr. 14	All "A" Classic Lyon County	V	Home	6:00
Thur.	Apr. 17	Webster County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Fri.	Apr. 18	Livingston Central	V/JV	Away	5:45
Mon.	Apr. 21	Christian Fellowship	V	Away	5:30
Thur.	Apr. 24	Caldwell County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Sat.	Apr. 26	Hopkins County Central	V/JV	Away	5:30
Thur.	May 1	Christian Fellowship	V	Home	5:30
Fri.	May 2	Union County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Sat.	May 3	Webster County	V/JV	Away	Noon
Mon.	May 5	Crittenden County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Tue.	May 6	Crittenden County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Thur.	May 8	McLean County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Fri.	May 9	Todd County Central	V/JV	Away	5:30
Tue.	May 13	Lyon County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Thur.	May 15	Fort Campbell	V/JV	Away	5:30

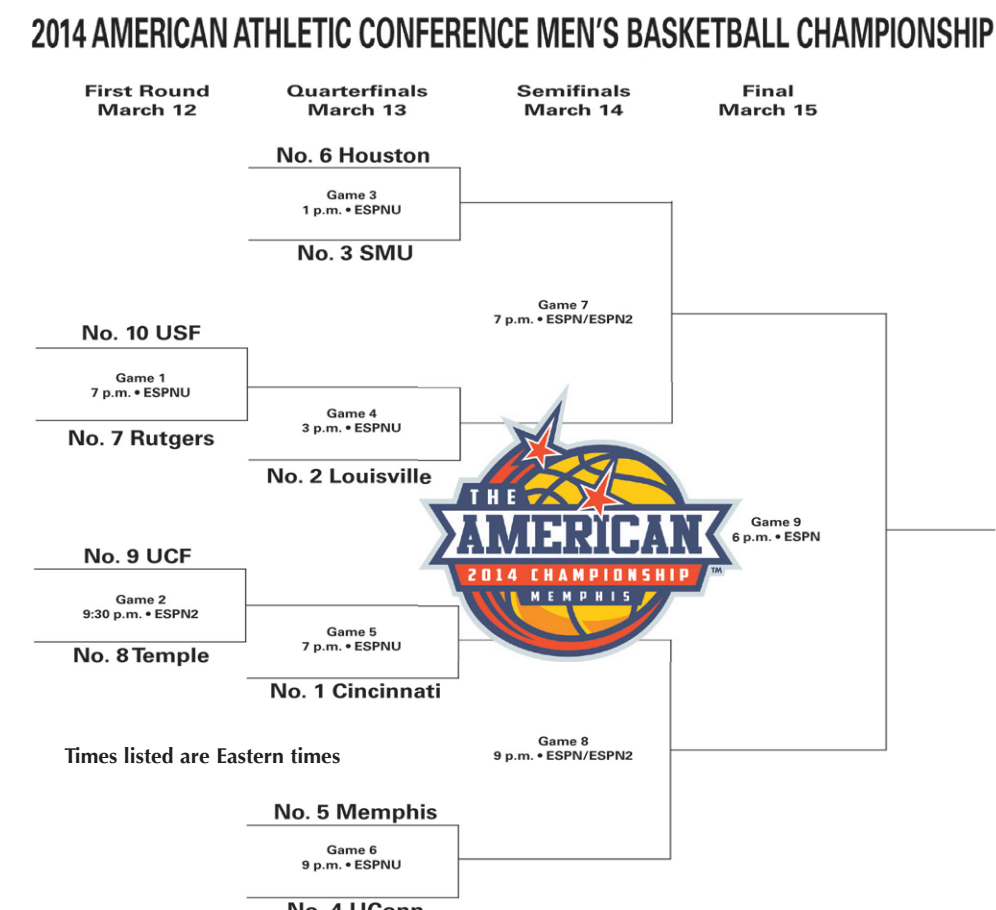
DAWSON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL				
2014 TRACK SCHEDULE				
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Tue.	Mar. 11	Marshall County All Comers	Away	TBA
Tue.	Mar. 18	Crittenden County	Away	TBA
Tue.	Mar. 25	Murray Quad Meet	Away	TBA
Thur.	Mar. 27	March Meet at Muhlenberg	Away	TBA
Sat.	Mar. 29	Invitational of the South	Marshall Co.	TBA
Fri.	Apr. 11	Mustang Invitational	Muhlenberg Co.	TBA
Tue.	Apr. 15	Crittenden County	Away	TBA
Fri.	Apr. 18	Jimmy Harrell Relays	Murray	TBA
Tue.	Apr. 22	Muhlenberg County All Comers	Away	TBA
Thur.	Apr. 24	Crittenden County	Away	TBA
Tue.	Apr. 29	Murray All Comers	Away	TBA
Sat.	May 10	Area One Championships	Away	TBA
Sat.	May 23	KHSAA State Championship	Away	TBA



Youth basketball

In youth league action on Saturday at Panther gym, Jordan Thomas (left photo) puts up a shot while Mattie Fain (center) and Brooklyn Clark defend. In right photo, Talan Moore drives with the basketball against Dylan Dawson.

PHOTOS BY MIKE HOWTON



Cats, Cards eye conference tournament play

The Kentucky Wildcats and Louisville Cardinals will chase conference tournament titles this week.

Louisville begins play Thursday afternoon in the inaugural American Athletic Conference championship in

Memphis. The Cardinals will play either seventh-seeded Rutgers or No. 10 South Florida in the 2 p.m. CDT contest.

Louisville lost a coin flip with Cincinnati for the top seed and is the No. 2 seed for the conference tourney.

The American semifinals are Friday with the championship game on Saturday at 5 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Kentucky Wildcats won't play until Friday in the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Atlan-

ta.

Kentucky is the No. 2 seed and begins play Friday against the winner between 7th-seeded LSU and No. 10 Alabama. The Wildcats' most recent wins have come against both but both games were close.

Kentucky's quarterfinal game is set for 6 p.m. CDT on Friday.

The SEC semifinals are slated for Saturday with the championship game to be played Sunday afternoon at 2:15 p.m.

EKU is the first to say ‘we’re in!’ the Dance!

March, I love it, don’t you?
Bone chill mornings, big winds, mud
and potholes, daffodils and chapped lips.
But indoors: Dance time with verbs,
going somewhere.
Goin’ to Diddle ... Goin’ to Rupp ...
Goin’ to Catlanta ... Goin’ to the Dance.
... Bracketology’s “we’re in!” –belongs to
Eastern Kentucky U. first (never mind
Harvard).

All the way to basketball’s least fana-
tical, this week and three to follow, tis a
delicious time of year. And, Maysville to
Mayfield, Whitesburg to Whitesville, in
ouor state everybody’s an expert.

High school tournaments are
community revivals with a familiar trailer:
“Last one out of town, turn off the lights.”

College level? Conference tournaments ... upsets
... buzzer beating shocker ... net cutting celebrations
... team photos to be priceless 20 pounds and 20 years
from now. Also, ‘if onlys’ ... tears ... broken hearts ...
and more Bracketology.

This week the Commonwealth has three men’s
teams going to the Big Dance and Western Kentucky
could make it six. Women’s teams at Louisville and
Kentucky are Final Four contenders.

Some teams will get no invite creating that facial
shocked expression, “#@#! we wuz robbed!”

CBS Sports loves March, too. The network wraps
more commercial breaks around Road to Final Four
(in Dallas) than Anderson Cooper can break before
introducing his next guest at CNN.

In March, Joe Lunardi has his own television
network. ESPN’s talking heads try to create more
suspense than National Geo with as many outrageous
talking points as time allows. We can click a remote
24/7 and find a Seth, a Jay, Digger or (egad!) Vitale,
doing a studio shift “breakin’ down the bracket.”

Irony is, here in Kentucky, kids aged six to 76 ...
everybody’s an expert. Ask ‘em.

Having set this table, permit me this grasp of the
obvious: The 2014 tournaments – at Diddle Arena and
Rupp Arena, on to the Road to Dallas – this month has
enough Cinderella storyline possibles, shock drama
stunners to make it best March Madness in history of
the game.

By tweet, twitter, land line or Facebook, just ask
anybody in Kentucky.

For one windy and muddy month again, we’re all
expert analysts. Enjoy.

Eastern Kentucky

Momentum and “we’re in!” Harvard aside, Eastern



BOB WATKINS

Sports in Kentucky

Kentucky was first Cinderella to earn an
invite to the Big Dance.

Tribute to a team that didn’t only win the
OVC Tournament last weekend, the Colonels
(24-9) ride a seven-game win streak to The
Dance where they project as a 14 or 15 seed.

I would make a case, Eastern is NCAA
Tournament-bound — thanks to Virginia
Commonwealth.

On Dec. 5, Jeff Neubauer’s Colonels
traveled to VCU both were 6-2. EKU played
a superb 37 minutes, fending off Shaka
Smart’s team admirably. Last three minutes
EKU missed shots, made turnovers, played
itself into an overtime (made one of five
shots) and lost 71-68.

Last week, a game pattern remarkably
similar to Dec. 5. Belmont made a furious
run in the last three minutes ...

1. Where the Colonels crumbled at VCU, they kept
poise, took Belmont’s best shot, made shots and free
throws and prevailed 79-73.

And this ...

2. VCU’s bench outscored Eastern 29-9; Against
Belmont the Colonels bench outscored the Bruins 16-8.

Bottom line: Playing first rate foes on the road in
December pays dividends in March.

Kentucky ‘Power Rating’

An Internet site headline: Power Ranking the 50
States by College Basketball Strength.

You can browse the criteria at Bleacher Report.

Ranked 51st is Alaska. No. 15 is District of
Columbia, Indiana is eighth, North Carolina and
Kansas are third and second respectively. Number
one? Kentucky.

A sampling of why:

“Kentucky and Louisville have combined for 92
tournament appearances, with overall record of 183-
87, 25 Final Fours and 11 national championships.
That’s just...insane.

“The Wildcats and Cardinals are among the seven
best teams in the nation. And unlike North Carolina,
the other schools in the Bluegrass State aren’t a
complete liability.

Western Kentucky has been to 23 tournaments
and a 1971 Final Four. Eastern Kentucky, Morehead
State and Murray State have 29 total tournament
appearances.

“In the past three years, both Kentucky and
Louisville have been to two Final Fours and have won
a national championship. Each is a strong candidate to
make the Final Four this year as well.

Wooden Award finalists

The John R. Wooden college player of the year
candidates are 15.

Somehow the part of college hoops most dear to
the Wizard of Westwood has disappeared, academic
achievement and team MVP.

I would wager if Wooden were voting he would
eliminate all underclassmen.

Left for consideration would be Doug McDermott,
Creighton; Russ Smith, Louisville; Sean Kilpatrick,
Cincinnati; C.J. Fair, Syracuse; and Casey Prather,
Florida.

Feix, Couch & HoF

Nominees for College Football Hall of Fame Class
of 204 for induction next year are four with Kentucky
ties.

Jimmy Feix (Western Kentucky) ... Tim Couch and
Art Still (Kentucky) ... and Markus Thomas (Eastern
Kentucky).

The Class for 2014 will be announced in May with
inductions at the 57th NFF Awards Dinner Dec. 9 in
New York City.

Jim Feix, Western Kentucky (1968-83). Named
Kodak College Coach of the Year for Division IV in
1973 and 1975... Won or shared six conference titles...
Three-time conference Coach of the Year (1973,
1978, 1980)...The winningest coach in school history.
Charter member of WKU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tim Couch, Kentucky, Quarterback. 1998 consensus
First Team All-American; finished fourth in Heisman
voting; 1998 SEC Player of the Year who led Wildcats to
first win over Alabama in 75 years. Set seven NCAA, 14
SEC, and 26 school records.

Art Still, Kentucky defensive end. 1977 unanimous
First Team All-American...Two-time First Team All-
SEC, led Wildcats to 1976 SEC Championship; was
1977 SEC Defensive Player of the Year who set school
record for 22 tackles for loss in 1977 (still stands).

Markus Thomas, Eastern Kentucky tailback.

Finished career ranked third all-time in FCS history
in rushing (5,145), 52 rushing touchdowns. Two-time
Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year;
led Colonels to two conference titles.

Enshrinement in the new College Football Hall of
Fame at a date to be determined in 2015.

Parting shot

A UK wrote: “Kentucky basketball this year? Look
at it on the bright side. It could’ve been worse. The
Harrison twins could’ve been triplets.

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprtsinky@aol.com.

March ushers in new fishing license year in Kentucky

By Kevin Kelly

As the latest winter storm took aim at Kentucky
this past weekend, a brief break in the weather ahead
of its arrival sent many anglers out in search of fish-
table water.

One trout angler at a Fishing in Neighborhoods
(FINs) lake in Boone County kindly reminded his
shoreline acquaintances about the significance of the
date before they cast a line into the icy water.

March 1 ushered in the new license year in
Kentucky.

A fishing license unlocks a myriad angling oppor-
tunities across the state and buying one now maxi-
mizes its value.

“When you think about what that gives you — all
these bodies of water, all these different species that
we provide for people — it’s a tremendous value,”
said Ron Brooks, director of the Kentucky
Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources’ fisheries
division.

“We have limits on what anglers can take some-
times. Even with those limits they can feed their fam-
ily a lot throughout the year just by going out on
some public water and catching fish, not to mention
all the recreational aspects.”

Individuals and families on a budget will appreci-
ate the value of what amounts to a season-long pass
to the great outdoors.

An annual fishing license runs \$20 for Kentucky
residents.

“You can’t take your family out to eat for \$20 and
you can barely go out and eat yourself for that
amount,” Brooks said.

New this year is a three-year fishing license for
residents. It is \$55 and available online only at fw.ky.gov. Other options include the resident \$30 combina-
tion hunting and fishing license, a savings of \$10 if
purchased separately. The joint husband and wife
fishing license costs just \$36.

Children 15 and younger can fish without a license.

Commission adopts new fishing regulations

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission
recommended prohibiting the culling of trout
statewide and proposed other fishing regulations at
its quarterly meeting March 7.

The commission recommends all hunting,
fishing and boating regulations for approval by the
General Assembly and approves all expenditures
by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife
Resources. All recommendations must be approved
by legislators before they become law.

In fisheries-related business, the commission
recommended several new fishing regulations to take
effect March 1, 2015.

- No culling of trout statewide. Culling is holding
a trout in a livewell, basket or on a stringer and
later releasing it. Trout usually do not survive such
treatment and banning this practice will reduce
wasting of the stocked trout.

- Prohibiting the harvest of alligator gar by sport
fishing methods or by bow fishing. Kentucky Fish
and Wildlife is in the beginning stages of an alligator
gar restoration project designed to produce self-sus-
taining populations in western Kentucky, the former
range of this species.

- Seasonal catch and release regulations on rainbow
trout caught in Floyd’s Fork Creek in Jefferson
County. All trout caught from Oct. 1 through March
31 must have to be immediately released.

- A catch-and-release trout regulation for a new
section of Hatchery Creek to be built below Wolf
Creek Dam. The regulation would only allow the
use of artificial baits. The new regulations are in

Kentucky Afield

The sportsman’s license is available to residents
only and at \$95 represents an exceptional value. It
bundles a combination hunting and fishing license,
statewide deer permit, spring and fall turkey permits,
a migratory bird and waterfowl permit along with a
trout permit. Buying each separately would cost \$150.

Unless license exempt, anglers intending to keep
trout must have a trout permit. All licensed anglers
fishing the Cumberland River from Wolf Creek Dam
to the Tennessee state line, its tributaries up to the
first riffle and all of Hatchery Creek must possess a
trout permit.

For those who may only get out to fish once or
twice a year, a one-day license at \$7 is a good option.
Residents and non-residents can fish any Kentucky
waters without a license during Kentucky’s free fish-
ing days June 7-8.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has documented a
slight rise in angler participation over the past two
years.

“That’s probably due to a combination of the out-
standing resources we have, our heightened efforts to
promote the opportunities we have in Kentucky and
an increase among adults and people in general in
locally grown and organic foods,” said Brian Clark,
assistant director of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s
public affairs division.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife receives no tax dollars
from Kentucky’s general fund. Instead it relies on the
sale of hunting and fishing licenses, boat registration
fees and federal programs for funding.

“Fishing and hunting licenses are extremely
important to us,” Brooks said. “It really is what
makes this whole department run.”

Licenses are sold through a variety of outlets.
Vendor locations are available on the department’s
website at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also can be
purchased online or by calling (877) 598-2401. The

Commission adopts new fishing regulations

anticipation of commencement of construction of
this stream in 2014.

In wildlife-related business, commission members
recommended changing the time frame in which bear
chase permits may be purchased to July 1 through the
closing day of the bear quota hunt with dogs season.

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Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide provides com-
plete licensing information and is available online
and wherever licenses are sold.

It can be debated that March belongs in the discus-
sion of the best sports month of the year.

For many anglers, it is unparalleled.

Deciding where to go and which species to target
can be difficult with so many options available. The
2014 Fishing Forecast, produced annually by
Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and posted on the depart-
ment’s website, contains a wealth of information
about Kentucky’s major fisheries.

Whether you’re after crappie at Kentucky Lake
and Lake Barkley or white bass at Nolin River Lake,
largemouth bass at Cedar Creek Lake, muskellunge
at Cave Run, Green River or Buckhorn lakes, hybrid
striped bass at Fishtrap Lake or the 39 FINs lakes
across the state brimming with recently-stocked rain-
bow trout, spring is an excellent time to put a new
fishing license to use.

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Four Turns

1

SIZZLING STARTS Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s 1.66-place average finish and Brad Keselowski's 2.3-place average have been all the talk in NASCAR's early season. However, flying just under the radar are Earnhardt's Hendrick Motorsports teammates Jimmie Johnson (5th, 6th, 6th) and Jeff Gordon (4th, 5th, 9th). Keselowski's Penske counterpart, Joey Logano, has posted runs of 11th, fourth and fourth.

2

WEEKEND SWEEP Brad Keselowski was all aces in Vegas last weekend. The 2013 Sprint Cup champion won the Nationwide Series Boyd Gaming 300 as well as Sunday's Kobalt Tools 400 Cup race. Keselowski is the first driver to sweep the Vegas weekend since 2000, when Jeff Burton won both events while driving for Roush Racing.

3

BIG WEEKEND FOR DADDY Paul Menard scored his best Cup Series finish since October 2012 with a third in Las Vegas. Menard had to quickly hop a plane after the race because his wife, Jennifer, is expecting the couple's first child this week. Defending Truck Series champion Matt Crafton was on standby had Menard been called away from the NASCAR weekend.

4

SLUMPING STARTS Stewart-Haas Racing drivers Tony Stewart, Danica Patrick and Kurt Busch are hoping for a reversal of fortune. Despite the early-season success of the fourth SHR driver, Kevin Harvick, none of the trifecta ranks higher than 27th in the point standings and have combined for zero top-10 finishes.

Sprint Cup Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (1)	133	—
2. Brad Keselowski (1)	132	-1
3. Jimmie Johnson	117	-16
4. Joey Logano	116	-17
5. Jeff Gordon	115	-18
6. Carl Edwards	105	-28
7. Matt Kenseth	105	-28
8. Denny Hamlin	101	-32
9. Ryan Newman	97	-36
10. Kyle Busch	95	-38
11. Jamie McMurray	93	-40
12. Greg Biffle	86	-47
13. Austin Dillon	84	-49
14. Kevin Harvick (1)	83	-50
15. Kasey Kahne	83	-50
16. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	80	-53
17. Casey Mears	80	-53
18. Paul Menard	76	-57
19. Marcos Ambrose	69	-64
20. Brian Vickers	64	-69

Nationwide Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Regan Smith (1)	117	—
2. Trevor Bayne	114	-3
3. Elliott Sadler	108	-9
4. Ty Dillon	105	-12
5. Chase Elliott	103	-14
6. Brian Scott	97	-20
7. Brendan Gaughan	94	-23
8. Dylan Kwasniewski	87	-30
9. James Buescher	86	-31
10. Mike Bliss	81	-36

Truck Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Timothy Peters	43	—
2. Johnny Sauter	41	-2
3. Ron Hornaday Jr.	39	-4
4. Ryan Blaney	38	-5
5. Jeb Burton	37	-6
6. Joe Nemechek	36	-7
7. Jimmy Weller III	35	-8
8. German Quiroga Jr.	34	-9
9. Ryan Sieg	33	-10
10. Tyler Reddick	32	-11

Throttle Up/Throttle Down

TEAM PENSKE

The race results are good and the qualifying even better, as Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano have swept the front row for the Cup Series' last two races.

MIACHEL WALTRIP RACING

Five drivers — Clint Bowyer, Jeff Burton, Joe Nemechek, Brian Vickers and Micheal Waltrip — have combined to make nine starts this season, yet have failed to crack the top 10 in any one.

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Brad Keselowski celebrates his win in the Kobalt Tools 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

STRATEGY PLAYS

Brad Keselowski outduels Dale Earnhardt Jr. in fuel mileage finish at Las Vegas

By MATT TALIAFERRO
Athlon Sports Racing Editor

The Kobalt Tools 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway came down to a calculated risk between two of the hottest teams early in NASCAR's 2014 season.

The No. 88 Hendrick Motorsports bunch and driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. had finishes of first and second entering the event. Brad Keselowski's No. 2 Team Penske crew weren't far behind, with consecutive third-place runs to open the year.

Fittingly, the strategy that came into play focused on these Chevrolet and Ford flagbearers.

Just don't call what happened in Vegas a "gamble" or any other clichéd racing term typically reserved for results in the famous gaming town.

No, the call Earnhardt's crew chief Steve Letarte made in the final 60 laps of the affair was simply the logical one: Use pit strategy to obtain all-important track position and push fuel mileage on the No. 88 Chevy to the limit. It was a call not too different than what propelled Matt Kenseth to the win in the very same race last season.

It worked for Kenseth; in only his third race with Joe Gibbs Racing, he hit payday in 2013 on a track-position play. In Earnhardt's case, the strategy came up a half-lap short.

That's when the car sputtered — on the backstretch of the final lap — and handed victory to Keselowski, whose gameplan was to

have plenty of fuel and two fresh tires to apply pressure to Earnhardt over the final 42 laps.

"I could tell he was saving a little bit (of fuel) based on the lines he was running compared to where I had seen him earlier in the day," Keselowski said. "Once I saw that, we ran him down (in) 10, 15 laps and forced him to kind of get up into his speed line, and that was just taking fuel from his car."

"It was going to play out one of two ways: He was going to have to get in fuel conservation mode and I think I could have passed him and drove away or he was going to have to burn fuel to keep me behind him. At that point it was just a matter of whether a yellow came out or not because it was just a ticking time bomb, and it worked in our favor today."

The win all but guarantees Keselowski of a Chase berth in NASCAR's expanded playoff format. Earnhardt, whose win in the Daytona 500 two weeks ago gave the team the freedom to utilize such a strategy, coasted to a runner-up showing.

"I just couldn't (gain) any ground, and we fought the car all day," Earnhardt said of battling traffic in the field. "The air is so dirty behind everybody, the further back you get you've got less and less grip. Once we got the lead, it was like driving a Cadillac."

Letarte used pit sequencing slightly off-kilter to get Earnhardt to the point on lap 223 of 267. He led until Keselowski rocketed by on

the final lap.

"It did pay off," Earnhardt said. "Not the ultimate prize, but we did run second. As much as you want to win — and believe me, we were out there trying to win — you do take pride in a good performance, a good finish, and we weren't going to run in the top 5 if we hadn't have used that particular strategy. If we'd have run the same strategy as our competitors, we would have probably run just inside the top 10 where we were all day."

Translation: This was no crew chief gamble gone wrong — it was solid race strategy that a team confident in its playoff standing has the ability to employ.


"It gives us freedom, and it's nice to have that freedom to do the things that we did today even though we knew our odds weren't good. We really shouldn't have made it (on fuel), and we didn't, but we got to try."

Paul Menard, Joey Logano and Carl Edwards rounded out the top 5.

For his part, Keselowski, who failed to make the Chase last year after winning the title in 2012, relishes having the same freedom Earnhardt's team exhibited Sunday.

"I think that shows some of the opportunities that come up and how they can be stress-free days," Keselowski said. "I'm looking forward to being able to take those same opportunities, because believe me, I'm not scared to take them, and I know Paul's not, so look out. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Athlon Sports Horsepower Rankings



1. Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Hard to argue with the start the No. 88 has enjoyed.

2. Brad Keselowski

Ditto for Kes and the No. 2 crew. Hasn't finished worse than third.

3. Jimmie Johnson

There's a gap down to third, but Johnson can make it up quickly.

4. Kevin Harvick

Was he set to make it two wins in a row before a hub locked in Vegas?

5. Jeff Gordon

Gordon sure isn't running like he's representing the AARP.

6. Joey Logano

Rounding into form nicely since defection to Team Penske.

7. Matt Kenseth

The silent assassin; 12th or better in all three races thus far.

8. Carl Edwards

Vince Neil was sporting an Edwards shirt in Vegas. That's just wrong.

9. Denny Hamlin

Where has that Speedweeks strength gone, Denny?

10. Kyle Busch

Typically a strong starter, Busch is keeping an unusually low profile.

11. Ryan Newman

Consecutive seventh-place runs. Newman/RCR could be good combo.

12. Kasey Kahne

Fourth of four isn't so bad when you're at Hendrick Motorsports.

13. Jamie McMurray

A Ganassi renaissance? McMurray has been top 15 all year.

14. Casey Mears

Admirable start for a single-car program, but doubt it continues.

15. Greg Biffle

Squeaks in because no one else seems to want in.

Just off the lead pack:

Paul Menard, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Austin Dillon, Martin Truex Jr.

Tracks on Tap

SPRINT CUP SERIES

Race: Food City 500

Track: Bristol Motor Speedway

Location: Bristol, Tenn.

When: Sunday, March 16

TV: FOX (12:00 p.m.)

Layout: .533-mile oval

Banking/Turns: Variable (24-28 degrees)

Banking/Straightaways: 4-8 degrees

2013 Winners: Kasey Kahne (March), Matt Kenseth (Aug.)

Crew Chief's Take: "There are only a couple tracks that give you the sort of butterflies in pre-race like Bristol. Being there and feeding off the electricity in the air is just something that's hard to explain. And despite all the changes they've done to the track itself, the racing is still great. That show (Matt) Kenseth and (Kasey) Kahne put on last year was something. The fact drivers can run Bristol like that without wrecking each other is what makes it a favorite for the teams. It can still be treacherous, though, and when trouble happens it can find you fast."

NATIONWIDE SERIES

Race: Jeff Foxworthy's Grit Chips 300

Track: Bristol Motor Speedway

When: Saturday, March 15

TV: ESPN2 (1:00 p.m.)

2013 Winners: Kyle Busch

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES

Race: Kroger 250

Track: Martinsville Speedway

Location: Martinsville, Va.

Date: Saturday, March 29

TV: FOX SPORTS 1 (1:30 p.m.)

2013 Winner: Johnny Sauter

Classic Moments

Bristol Motor Speedway

The legend of Dale Earnhardt was forged in the hills of eastern Tennessee. His use of the bumper to move an opponent out of his way, whether fighting for the lead or for 15th, on the steep banks at Bristol helped him earn the nickname "The Intimidator." It's where he famously and unrepentantly rattled Terry Labonte's cage to steal the win on the final lap in August 1999.

Earnhardt was a master at Bristol, where he earned nine career wins, including the first of 76 Sprint Cup victories in April 1979. In an era before power steering and headrests, Earnhardt muscled his Chevrolet past Darrell Waltrip on lap 474 before driving away to a three-second win over Bobby Allison. The rest of the top 5 included future NASCAR Hall of Fame inductees Waltrip, Richard Petty and Benny Parsons. Earnhardt's future car owner Richard Childress finished 11th, 16 laps off the pace.

Earnhardt's first career win came in front of a near-capacity crowd of 26,000 fans and paid the future seven-time Sprint Cup champion a hearty \$19,800.

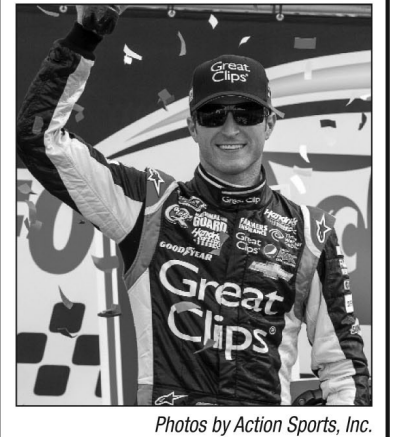
Athlon Fantasy Stall

Looking at Checkers: Kasey Kahne finds a version of a track he likes and takes full advantage. He must feel pretty great about the current Bristol surface, where he finished first and second last year.

Pretty Solid Pick: Over the last three races at Bristol, Kenseth led a series-best 17.3 percent of the total laps run, edged out perennial favorite Kahne for a victory last fall and crashed out twice.

Good Sleeper Pick: The only two drivers to have scored three top-10 finishes in the three races since Bristol's last reconfiguration are Kahne and Paul Menard.

Runs on Seven Cylinders: Kevin Harvick has been stymied by Bristol's current iteration, averaging a 21st-place finish in the last three races.



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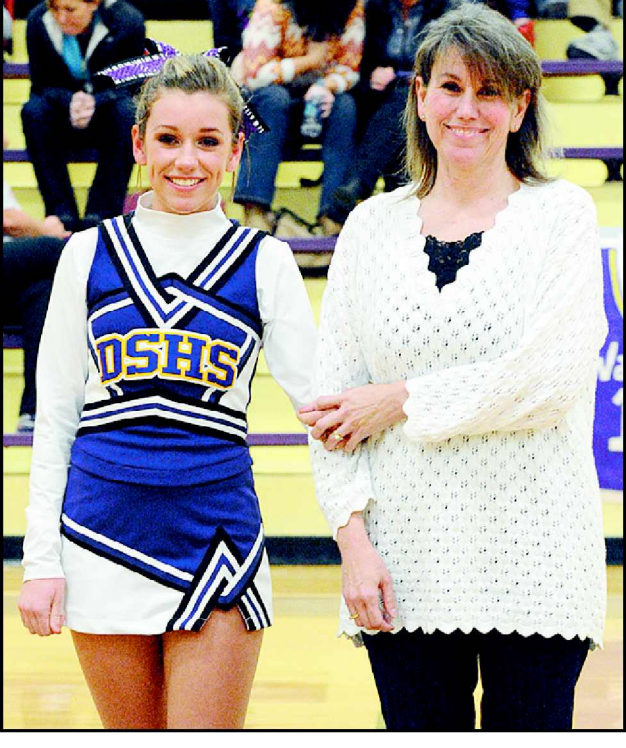
SENIORS and family members who were recognized at the final home game Thursday, Feb. 20, are (from left) Christina Hamby, Charles Hamby, Anita Hamby, Lori Adams, Michelle Adams, Allison Adams, Christopher Connell, Sherri Lanham,

Shelby Loney, David Lanham, Daniel Walker, Sandra Walker, Michael Walker, Lisa Purdy, Kaila Purdy, Darlene Hankins, Devon Hankins, and Tony Winters.

DEVON HANKINS, with his parents Darlene and Tony Winters, is recognized during the senior night festivities Thursday, Feb. 20.



SENIOR Christina Hamby, with her parents Charles and Anita Hamby, is presented with a gift from her coach Tammy Workman during the senior night festivities Thursday, Feb. 20.



KAILA PURDY, with her mother Lisa Purdy, was one of the seniors recognized Thursday, Feb. 20, on senior night.



SHELBY LONEY receives a hug from assistant coach Amanda Scott as head coach Erik Peyton looks on during senior night Thursday, Feb. 20.



SHELBY LONEY is all smiles as she is recognized on senior night Thursday, Feb. 20. With her are Sherri and David Lanham.

ALLISON ADAMS is congratulated by her coach, Erik Peyton, during the senior night activities Thursday, Feb. 20. With her are her parents Lori Adams and Christopher Connell and her sister Michelle.



DANIEL WALKER, with his parents Michael Walker and Sandra Walker, is congratulated by his coach Jeff Miller at the senior night recognitions Thursday, Feb. 20.

Baseball Panthers slated to open season this week

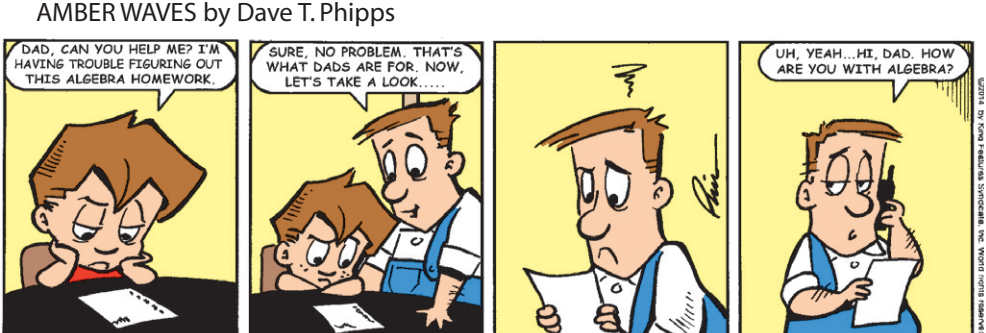
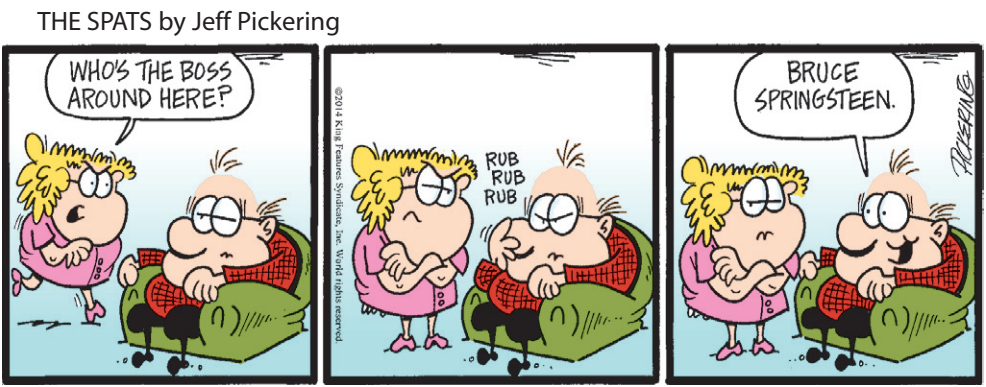
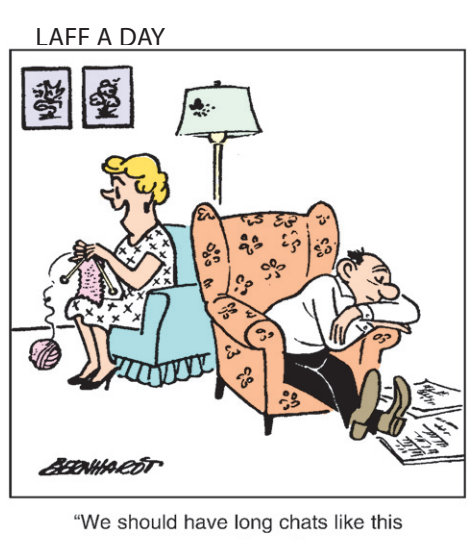
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group.
With a very young team, naturally the rest of the defense will be young, which is made even worse since two first basemen are injured.
Steven Bearden, the team's only junior will play first base, and freshman Dakota Jones will be at the other corner on third base.
Kevin Brooks and Jones will also see time on the mound with Brewer

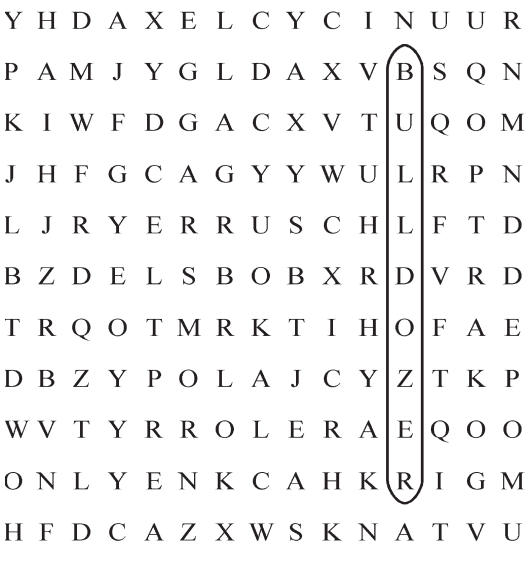
and Puckett.
The outfield will be manned by freshmen Austin Hart in center and Taylor Edwards in left with eighth grader Cameron Orten in right.
"We've had two practices in the field," the coach said. "We've had some inside batting practice with the pitching machine, and everyone is hitting the ball. I'm very pleased with that. My offense should be decent."
The Panthers have a busy schedule with 32 varsity games and 20 junior

varsity games.
The new season is scheduled to begin at Riverside Park tomorrow with a varsity/junior varsity doubleheader against Fort Campbell.
However, with rain in the forecast and the field already very wet from the recent snow, that game may be postponed.
The Panthers are scheduled to host Carlisle County on Saturday and Hopkins County Central Monday. The Saturday game is slated to begin at 1

p.m. with Monday's start time at 5:30 p.m.
"I'm pleased with the response the team has given me," Coach Brooks said. "Everyone is ready to go, and we're waiting on the weather to break."
Also on the team are: sophomore Austin Ryan; freshmen Nathan Bearden and David Price; and eighth graders Devan Baker, Ryan Bardin, Zach Bivins, Cole Collins, Ethan Garrison, Caleb Hickerson and Jett McKnight.

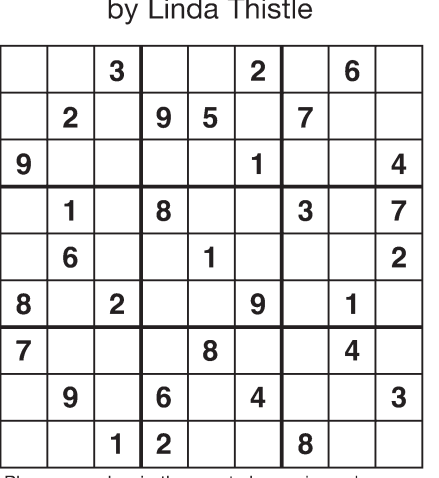


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- ★ Moderate
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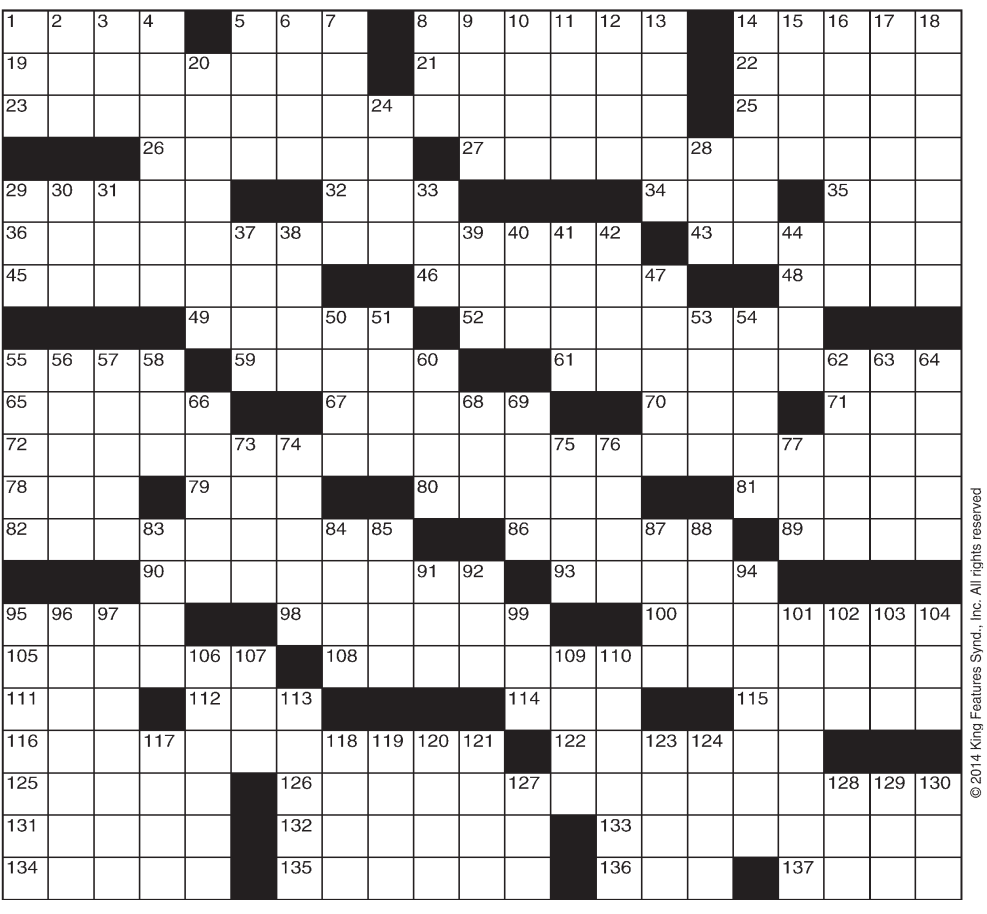


TRIVIA TEST

- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island of Cyprus located?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of adult alligators called?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the Koh-i-noor?
 - LITERATURE: What was the name of the monster in Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein"?
 - RELIGION: Which religion espouses the Eightfold Path?
 - OLYMPICS: A "Salchow" jump is employed in which winter sport?
 - HISTORY: How many banks of oars were used in an ancient warship called the trireme?
 - SYMBOLS: What is the shape of a trefoil?
 - SCIENCE: What is phototropism?
 - LANGUAGE: What does the acronym BTU stand for?
- Answers
- Mediterranean Sea
 - A congregation
 - A large and famous diamond in the British crown jewels
 - It had no name but referred to itself once as "Adam"
 - Buddhism
 - Figure skating
 - Three
 - Clover, or three-leafed
 - An organism's growth in response to light
 - British Thermal Unit
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SUPER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Pronoun in many letter greetings
 - Psi preceder
 - Involuntary twitches
 - Differently — (having other skills)
 - Of Earth's largest landmass
 - Berate loudly
 - "Spider-Man 3" director
 - Sam
 - 1978 hit for the Commodores
 - Un, deux, —
 - Ambush
 - 2008 hit for Miley Cyrus
 - Added lubricant to
 - Golfer's peg
 - Water, in Toulouse
 - Angriness
 - 1961 hit for the Diamonds
 - Audacious
 - Indy vehicle
 - Clumsy sort
 - "— there be any doubt ..."
 - Makes a sweater, e.g.
 - Sliding-glass auto option
 - Tzu
 - Thus far
 - 1957 hit for Jim Reeves
 - Certain chairmaker
 - Lowly laborers
 - José
 - VI halved
 - Statement before singing each hit featured in this puzzle?
 - v. Wade
 - Prefix with con
 - Get a goal
 - "Max —"
 - (2008 noir action film)
 - 1967 hit for the Lovin' Spoonful
 - Drank sherry, e.g.
 - Football throw
 - "C'mon, this way"
 - Very cushy course
 - U.S. island territory
 - Pay attention suddenly
 - Gifts for calligraphers
 - Nine-item group
 - 1965 hit for the Beatles
 - Henpeck
 - FBI's govt. division
 - Perfect rating
 - Eli — (drug giant)
 - 1986 hit for Stacey Q
 - Alias
 - "CSI: Miami" actress Eva
 - 1946 hit for Frank Sinatra
 - Clear away
 - French for "brothers"
 - Person giving ear
 - Siestas, say
 - Sequence
 - Jet to JFK, once
 - Tiger sound
- DOWN**
- Showery
 - "What?"
 - Hockey player Bobby
 - "Diamond Lil" playwright
 - Large village
 - "— Caesar!"
 - Lifer, e.g.
 - Part of DOS: Abbr.
 - Podded vegetables
 - Everyone, in Essen
 - Czech, Pole, or Serb
 - Concocted
 - Jule of songwriting
 - Tennis great
 - Port of Italy
 - Hero-worship
 - Defectors
 - Have a minority view
 - Eider, e.g.
 - Observant individual
 - Indent key
 - "Ouch!" kin
 - fog (lost)
 - The, to René
 - U.S. lang.
 - "Give that — cigar!"
 - Some hosp. scans
 - "How dry —"
 - Mop & —
 - Horse's foot
 - Up — good
 - Sporty Italian auto, briefly
 - Have faith in
 - Bit of errata
 - Foreteller
 - Port of Algeria
 - Admit (to)
 - Lasting blemishes
 - Capital of Vietnam
 - Back-of-the-book list
 - Chick's mother
 - He-cats
 - Trippoli locale
 - Some bank holdings
 - Is a father to
 - Infomercial gadget brand
 - Bronx loc.
 - With 84-Down, icy carnival treat
 - Not sick
 - Dummocks
 - County east of Sandusky
 - Tv warrior princess
 - 77 Atlas part
 - "For the life — ..."
 - See 69-Down
 - "The Bridge on the River —" (war film)
 - Get a glimpse of
 - Coloring agents
 - Stat of gas consumption
 - King James Bible suffix
 - Careful examiner
 - Less severe
 - Oblivious
 - Silky-haired rabbits
 - Baseball legend Mel
 - Pool party?
 - Potentially shocking fish
 - Aviv
 - Plane's place
 - Product-pitching costs
 - Homer Simpson's utterance
 - College list maintainer
 - Rescinds
 - Gordon and Bridges
 - Unseat
 - Million or billion ender
 - Vacationer in a camper, informally
 - Garr of the screen
 - "Peter Pan" character
 - Soulful Redding
 - Bird's berth
 - Particular mag. edition
 - Yoko from Tokyo
 - Stephen of film
 - Flub up



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By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.
Sideline by Cramps

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I hope you can help me with a problem that might get me kicked off the first string. I get cramps in my legs, mostly in the calves. At first, it was laughable. Now it's not. At practices, I can sit down and wait for the cramp to go. During a game, I have to be replaced. How do I stop them? -- B.L.

ANSWER: I have to tell readers that what I say applies to exercise-associated muscle cramps and not to the cramps that so many older people get when in bed. They're both the same phenomenon, an involuntary, sustained and painful contraction of a muscle or muscles. But they're not the same when it comes to the situation that brings them on.

The actual cause is a matter that experts have debated for years. A lack of potassium, calcium or magnesium, excessive exercise, cold weather, hot weather and dehydration have been cited as possible causes. None has been proven to be the universal cause. Muscle fatigue is another possibility. Some experts say that muscle fatigue affects the muscles' response to spinal cord signals that prevent cramping.

Suggestions to forestall cramps are many. Hydration is a reasonable approach. An hour before a game or an exercise session, drink a quart of water. That gives enough time for the water to be absorbed. During play, keep drinking. If you are drinking a lot of fluid, switch to a sports drink to prevent a drop in potassium and sodium. Stretch your calf muscles in three daily sessions. Rising on the toes is a good calf stretch. You can try taking a vitamin supplement that contains most of the B vitamins. Make sure vitamin B-6 is included.

To uncramp a muscle, sit on the floor

with the involved leg stretched out in front of you. Grab the ball of the foot, and, while keeping the heel on the floor, pull the foot toward you and hold it in that position until the cramp eases.

Pinching the skin between the nose and the lip is another way to break a cramp.

The booklet on aerobics, fitness and abdominal exercises offers tips for both beginners and fitness pros. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue -- No. 1301W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a Pap smear every year. I don't have a cervix. My cancer doctor (I had breast cancer) said a Pap smear isn't necessary for women without a cervix. I still have my ovaries and tubes and the rest of the plumbing. Do I need a yearly Pap smear? -- K.R.

ANSWER: If a woman has had her uterus and cervix removed, she does not need to have Pap smears unless the uterus and cervix were removed because of cancer. Such a woman shouldn't cut off all examinations with her doctor. She could have other pelvic problems that require periodic examinations. However, the Pap smear part of the examination can be stopped.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Incredible Colon Exhibit To Be At Baptist Health

As part of National Colon Cancer Awareness Month, Baptist Health Madisonville and the Kentucky Cancer Program are giving the community the unique opportunity to learn what a healthy colon looks like and how polyps and cancer form.

The public is welcome to tour The Incredible Colon exhibit Monday from 8 a.m. to noon on the front lawn of the hospital. This 20-foot inflatable, interactive exhibit allows visitors to learn about colon cancer including risks, prevention, early detection and treatment. Free take-home screening kits will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the nation, with the mortality rate in Kentucky among

the highest, killing nearly 900 people each year. Colon cancer rates in this region are higher than the national average, even though it may be prevented or cured if detected early with regular screenings. At least 60 percent of deaths from colon cancer could be avoided. It is one of the few preventable cancers and can often be stopped before it starts.

The American Cancer Society recommends adults 50 and older should be screened with colonoscopy. Screenings should start at age 40 if you have a family history of colon cancer or polyps. Risk factors associated with colon cancer include family history, diet low in vegetables, excessive alcohol use, tobacco use, obesity and a sedentary lifestyle.

Lake Barkley State Park Hosting Wild Game Buffet

Lake Barkley State Resort Park is hosting a "wild game" buffet March 29.

The buffet will include frog legs, barbecued buffalo brisket, buffalo chili, buffalo steamship carved on line, duck and dumplings and rabbit pot pie. There will also be plenty of vegetables and des-

serts.

The buffet is \$21.95 plus tax for adults and \$10.95 plus tax for children ages 12 and under. The park is taking reservations with the first seating at 4 p.m. and the second seating at 6 p.m.

Phone 270-924-1131, ext. 561 for reservations and information.

Princeton Animal Clinic Offers Specials In March

On March 22, New Beginnings-Caldwell County Animal Shelter will host the second annual Spring Pet-acular Adoption Fair at the Princeton Tractor Supply from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lost but Loved Rescue will be on hand offering \$15 micro chip-

ping and \$5 nail trims to current pet owners. They will also offer \$10 micro chipping and free nail trims to any animals adopted at the event. The staff of Rogers Veterinary Clinic will be there from 1 to 3 p.m. providing rabies vaccinations.

Gospel Jubilee Features The Stone Family Friday

Rita's Front Porch Gospel Jubilee, 8805 Ky. 112 in Ilesley, will feature The Stone Family Friday. A potluck meal will begin at 6 p.m.

There is no admission charge. A love offering

and donations will be accepted.

Rita's Front Porch will close its doors after Friday's performance.

For information, phone 875-6248 or 875-6249.

Cadiz Police Offer Free Kits To Test For Drugs

By Steve Breen
Kentucky New Era

Parents who suspect their children may be using illicit drugs are being offered free drug testing kits under a joint program courtesy of the Cadiz Police Department, funded by the Pennyrite Narcotics Task Force.

"We would rather parents test than guess when it comes to whether their child is using drugs," said Cadiz Police Chief Chad Grace. "Parents who determine there may be a drug problem with their child can seek help or they can request additional information from the police department about their options for treatment."

Maj. Duncan Wiggins of the Cadiz Police Department said the drug testing kits are a starting point that can help parents determine whether or not their children have a problem.

Duncan, who worked as a D.A.R.E. officer for a number of years, said he regularly encountered parents who were worried about their children using drugs.

"If there is one kid that uses drugs in this community and can be helped by this test, it's all worth it," Wiggins said.

The free kits come with

a sterile specimen cup, the test component and complete instructions that allow parents to test their children without law enforcement involvement.

Sgt. Scott Brown of the Cadiz Police Department described them as a urinalysis-style test that has chemically reactive litmus paper that will change color depending on the drug being used.

Brown cautioned, however, that the test results may not be 100 percent accurate as there must be allowances made for the amount of time passed since the drug was taken and whether it was taken in conjunction with over-the-counter medications.

Wiggins said that if a test comes up positive, parents should take their child to a medical professional for a second test to confirm.

There are currently 30 tests available, but Brown emphasized that if there is a positive reception throughout the community, more kits will be made available.

The kits are available as long as supplies last and can be picked up Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the Cadiz Police Department at 11 Marion Street.



ENJOYING their evening at the dinner theater production at the community center Saturday, Feb. 22, are Naomi and Deward Stallins with their waitress Callie Menser.

photo by Charlie Beshears



DISPLAYING their Mardi Gras apparel at the dinner theater Saturday, Feb. 22, are (from left) Peggy Furgerson, Phyllis Eli and Ruth Ann Patterson.

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GETTING into the spirit of the Mardi Gras at the dinner theater production at the community center Saturday, Feb. 22, are Jenny and David Sewell.

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CHARLIE BESHEARS looks over a program of the stage production he directed at the community center Saturday, Feb. 22.

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PRESCHOOL students visiting the local post office Thursday, Feb. 20, are (from left) Sophie Johnson, Nevaeh Hawkins, Allyson Kovach, Savanna Dunbar, Kaylee Wigley, Kenley Haulk, Maria Alvarado, and Rayliee Hall.

Eighth Graders Are First In Online Competition

The eighth grade team from Dawson Springs Junior High School placed first in the JV division of the online Life Smarts competition. The team, coached by Beth Dillingham, is made up of Alysta Butts, Reagan Riggs, Tori Bullock, Lauren Davenport, Katie Alexander and Brooklyn Cotton.

LifeSmarts in Kentucky is coordinated by

the Kentucky Council on Economic Education. LifeSmarts teaches students about personal finance, consumer rights and responsibilities, technology, health and safety, and the environment.

The team from Dawson Springs won first place among teams from across the state by having the highest scores on quizzes on the five areas.

Aquaculture Programs Scheduled In Princeton

Even in a landlocked state, there are plenty of aquatic systems that need to be properly managed, including more than 200,000 ponds. To help landowners better manage their water resources, the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and Kentucky State University will host two aquaculture programs in Western Kentucky.

The first, an aquatic plant- and algae-control training program, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 21 at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center in Princeton.

Presenters will be William Wurts, Forrest Wynne and Bob Durborow. All are KSU extension specialists for aquaculture. Discussion topics will include identification, methods of control and herbicide and algaeicide use.

"The program will emphasize proper chemical selection, application techniques, applicator safety and record keeping," Wurts said.

Continuing education units for pesticide applicators are available including three specific hours in category 5 and two general hours in categories 10 and 12.

On March 22, Extension and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will host a workshop on pond management that will include information related to farm use, recreational fishing and small-scale aquaculture. The workshop will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Grayson County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

"The pond management workshop should give attendees a good understanding about what can be done with properly constructed, well-managed ponds," Wurts said.

Jeremy Shiflet, a fisheries biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, and Adam Charlton, a representative from an aquatic chemical company, will join Wurts, Wynne and Durborow as workshop presenters.

Both workshops and trainings are free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required, but to ensure receipt of workshop materials, potential attendees should contact either Wurts at 270-365-7541, ext. 200 or wurts@uky.edu or Wynne at 270-247-2334 or fwynne@email.uky.edu.

Foster Grandparents Save Pennies To Help Kosair

The 2013 Outwood Foster Grandparent Make a Difference Day project, Pennies for Premies, was a fund-raiser for Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville.

Each foster grandparent was given a piggy bank and encouraged to fill up the "piggies" with spare change. This fund-raiser took place from October through December. The group of 28 Outwood Foster Grandparent volunteers

collected \$1,000 to help fund the NICU expansion and the new NICU unit at Norton Women's and Kosair Children's Hospital, scheduled to open this spring.

Each grandparent received a participation certificate. The top three fund-raisers were Betty Jackson, Outwood volunteer; Mary Young and Linda Peterson, volunteers at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Hopkinsville.